



Saint Charles  
Catholic School

## Principal's Weekly Update - September 18th, 2020

*Do small things with great love. Mother Teresa*

### The week in review! 😊

- Our first full week back was a success! Students are moving nicely into a routine and are becoming more comfortable with the new protocols and procedures.
- Our Kindergarten students ended their staggered start to the school year this week. On Thursday morning, all Kinder students came together for the very first time. It was exciting to see them in the classroom, getting to know each other, and making new friends.
- All our Kindergarten parents were invited to a Kindergarten Parent Coffee Meet & Greet on Thursday morning right after drop-off. It was the first time we've had this event as a "picnic style," and it was a lot of fun!
- All staff participated in their annual URIS Training this week regarding the use of epi-pens and asthma inhalers.

### Looking ahead to next week...

- PML begins on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for many of our students at SCCS.
- We will have our first virtual School Mass on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> with Fr. Michael.
- On Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fr. Michael will do our annual Blessing of the Classrooms/School via Zoom.
- Wednesday evening would have been our annual Meet the Teacher Evening. Unfortunately, we cannot do this in our traditional manner where we gather as a community in the gym. However, all parents will receive a link to a Power Point video next Wednesday with some important information. Classroom teachers will be updating/posting information on their classroom websites, so please check them out.
- Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning, to take individual student photos. Just a reminder that no class/class composite photos will be taken due to the specific department shut down at their plant.
- Ms Chipman and Mrs. Christle will be attending the New Staff Workshop virtually from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg on Thursday afternoon.
- Our annual Christian Service Day will take place on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, all activities will take place at school, or outside the school.
- Our annual Terry Fox Assembly/Walk will also take place on Friday. Please see the message from Mrs. Marsh-Hamm later in this update.
- Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> will be our first Colour Day of the school year!

## FUNDRAISING

The distribution of this year's Fundraisers has been modified in order to respect the Covid-19 Social Distancing Guidelines.

The **Raffle Booklets & Chocolate boxes will be distributed next week** at the following times:

(Please note there was an error in an email distributed earlier today via the [Finance@stccs.ca](mailto:Finance@stccs.ca) email - below are the correct pick-up dates and times)

Thursday, 24 September: 3:00pm-6:00pm; and

Saturday, 26 September: 2:00pm-5:00pm.

A table will be set up outside by the school Main Entrance/stairs. We ask that the families respect the Covid-19 Social Distancing Guidelines during this process:

- There will be signs on the ground indicating to families where to stand in line to receive their fundraisers;
- We ask that only one family member waits in line to pick up their fundraisers;
- Please be considerate of others and wear a mask as you wait in line and maintain social distancing; and
- The family member will first pick up their Raffle Booklet, and then their boxes of chocolate (for the families that signed up to sell chocolates).

**The Raffle Booklets and Chocolate boxes will be distributed only to the families that have completed their form in Permission Click and have remitted payment. If you have not done it yet, make sure to do so before Thursday, 24 Sep. Any family who does not sign up via Permission Click by September 30th will be invoiced accordingly.**

Raffle: An envelope will be given to all families as they come to the Fundraiser distribution table. This envelope contains one Raffle Booklet and a letter with instructions about the Raffle.

\*\* These will be the only two days that the fundraisers are distributed. If you require other arrangements, please contact at [fundraising@stccs.ca](mailto:fundraising@stccs.ca) and we will follow up with you directly.

If you have elected the "Opted Out" option for the Raffle & Chocolates in Permission Click, you are not required to wait in line this year.

## Terry Fox Day from Mrs. Marsh-Hamm

*This year is the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and St. Charles Catholic School is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes.*

*Please join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to:*

**<http://www.terryfox.ca/StCharlesCatholicSchoolWinnipeg>**. *Together, we can all make a difference! Staff and Students will be doing a neighborhood walk this Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, following a virtual assembly.*

## SCCS WEBSITE

Mrs. Senderewich has been working hard this past week to update our school website. Please note that if you have any parent contact information changes throughout the school year, email [enewman@stccs.ca](mailto:enewman@stccs.ca) so we can update our database. If you have a Yahoo account, please make sure to check your junk email, as many times our emails to Yahoo accounts end up there, or bounce back to us. You will notice a tab on our website to access teacher Google websites, as well as Permission Click, and our Parent Portal. This will provide easy access to information that you will be looking for more often. The tab will be linked and ready to use Monday.

## **CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY CHECKS**

Early next week, you will be receiving 3 hard copies per family of the Child Abuse Registry Check. I know that many of you have sent yours in already, however, they require to be printed on legal size paper. The downtown office will not accept them, as they are missing the signature area, and have asked that we re-submit. Therefore, please fill them out again, and send them back to school so we can do that. Thank you.

## **PML**

A Big Welcome Private Music Lesson Families to the 2020 - 2021 St. Charles P.M.L. Year!

I hope you have had a great summer and a smooth start to the new school year. The Private Music Lesson program will be in full swing with all safety protocols in place starting next week - **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>/20.**

We are looking forward to a fabulous first week!

## **PARKING**

I have received some neighbor complaints regarding dropping off/picking up/parking on Augier Avenue between St. Charles Street and the golf course. Blocking driveways or the lane is becoming an issue, as is parking inside the golf course gates. Please know that the golf course is private property. Thank you for your attention in rectifying this matter.

## **PAC**

Are you interested in joining the Parent Association Council (PAC)? If so, please email your interest to the following email by Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, [stccspac@stccs.ca](mailto:stccspac@stccs.ca). There will be a PAC meeting held via Zoom on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, which you will be sent a link for.

Please note: COVID related questions will not be discussed at this PAC meeting. If you have any questions related to the pandemic, please feel free to send them to me and I would be happy to respond to them. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## **BOARD GAMES**

If anyone has any board games that you would be willing to donate to the school, we would be thrilled! It would help us during our indoor recesses. Thanking you in advance.

## EXCITING NEWS!

Last week, I shared that beginning this past Monday, there would be a city road crew working out front of our school on St. Charles Street. As you all know that work project did not start as planned. I made contact to see why, and was told the following: First of all, the city was waiting on hydro to do their part in the project, and secondly, I received an email yesterday afternoon telling me that the delay is related to a funding allocation approval requirement because one approval still needs to be confirmed. Therefore, the project was not able to start this week. I'm optimistic that these situations will be rectified soon, and the project will get underway. I've included my information sent out in last week's update, just as a point of reference.

*Access to the church parking lot will be maintained. The northbound lane will be closed adjacent to the work site. Northbound traffic will see a sign that says "Yield to Oncoming Traffic", which allows them to enter the southbound lane to go around the work site when it is safe to do so.*

*The South crosswalk will not be able to be used safely during this time, therefore, patrols will be moved to the North crosswalk area, and set up on both sides of St. Charles and Augier Streets. If you do use the parking lot, parents will have to cross their child(ren) themselves during the construction period.*

*Extra staff will be outside on St. Charles and Augier to help with drop-off and pick up. For drop-off: Please feel free to drop your child(ren) off safely instead of having to park your vehicle. Staff will make sure that students are crossed safely, if parents "drop and go." (you will see the signs) Kindergarten, Gr. 1, and Gr. 2 parents, your child(ren) will still have to use their assigned doors to enter/exit the school, so please walk them along the front grass area if the sidewalk is not able to be accessed in front of the school. The duty teacher will still be by the main front doors to supervise students.*

## BASC News

- There is BLINE on Monday.
- There is Golf on Tuesday.
- There is Cheer and POM on Tuesday.
- The craft is on Wednesday with a few spots left.
- Tennis will start in October.
- Parents when dropping off or picking up students from BASC please always text me and then meet us at the front doors.
- Check the school website for October forms.

Thanks Kim

*I can't believe our first full week of school is done! Have a terrific weekend everyone!*

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